GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS RESERVES IN K.G. BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reliance Industries Limited have achieved availability of natural gas in large amount in Krishna and Godavari river basins in Andhra Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the date on which this gas reserve was explored;

(c) whether the work to explore this gas reserve was assigned to some other agency prior to this;

(d) if so, the date on which this work was assigned alongwith the name of the executing agency; and

(e) the result of the exploration carried out by the agency alongwith the date on which the result was obtained?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): The deepwater offshore block KG-DWN-98/3 was offered for global bidding for the first time in 1999 under the first round of NELP, based on seismic surveys and mapping carried out in 1996-97. The contract for the block was signed on 12.4.2000 with the consortium of M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. and Niko Resources Ltd.On 30th October 2002, the consortium has reported a significant gas discovery in this block with preliminary gas reserve estimates of around 7 trillion cubic feet (about 198 billion cubic metre).

(c): No. Sir.

(d)&(e): Question does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.